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In re application of: Rapier, III  
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For: **WASTE CONTAINER WITH HIDDEN SLIDES**

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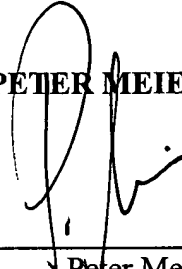
Sir:

The undersigned, assignee of the entire interest in and to an application of James L. Rapier, III, for U.S. Letters Patent for a **WASTE CONTAINER WITH HIDDEN SLIDES**, filed July 7, 2003, Serial No. 10/613,306, by an assignment document recorded with the Patent and Trademark Office, hereby appoints the firm of MacCord Mason PLLC, comprising Edward W. Rilee, Reg. No. 31,869, Howard A. MacCord, Jr., Reg. No. 28,639, James L. Lester, Reg. No. 38,721, William J. Mason, Reg. No. 22,948, Ben D. Frink, Reg. No. 50,294; Dean M. Turman, Reg. No. 50,322; and R. Kody Jones, Reg. No. 57,237; as my attorneys and/or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Furthermore, in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that the documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee, i.e. assignment document referenced above, has been reviewed and the undersigned certifies that, to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in assignee who seeks to prosecute this application.

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